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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTER: TECH COM MEMBERSHIP  
QUESTION

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1. DEPT AGREES THAT TWO SEPARATE ISSUES FACE US: (A) HOW TO  
DEAL WITH CONTINUING INABILITY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO AGREE  
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TO THEIR REPRESENTATION ON TECH COM RESTRICTED TO EIGHTEEN

MEMBERS, AND (B) HOW TO DEAL WITH ASIAN COUNTRIES DECISION NO LONGER TO ALLOW ISRAEL TO REPRESENT THEM. DELEGATION TO JAG SHOULD BE GUIDED BY FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

2. ROTATION QUESTION: US CAN ACCEPT ANY ARRANGEMENT WHICH ALLOWS SIGNIFICANT PARTICIPATION IN WORK OF TECH COM, E.G., MEMBERSHIP TWO YEARS OUT OF THREE (AND CONTINUING MEMBERSHIP IN JAG). IF IN DELEGATION'S VIEW THIS CRITERION CAN BE MET BY JAG DECISION MERELY TO ALLOCATE EIGHTEEN SEATS AMONG "REGIONAL" GROUPS AT THIS TIME, WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO DECIDE THEIR REPRESENTATION AT LATER DATE, IT CAN ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL. IF THERE IS SIGNIFICANT RISK THAT ANY ARRANGEMENT TO DEAL WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRY SQUABBLING IN CONTEXT OF EIGHTEEN-MEMBER TECH COM WOULD RESULT IN MINOR

US ROLE IN TECH COM, DELEGATION MAY, AS LAST RESORT, SUPPORT EXPANSION OF TECH COM TO TWENTY-FOUR.

3. ISRAELI MEMBERSHIP IN TECH COM: IN VIEW OF CONTRIBUTION ISRAEL HAS MADE TO TECH COM WORK, WE ARE DISMAYED AT DECISION OF ASIAN GROUP NOT TO PERMIT ISRAEL TO CONTINUE TO HOLD ASIAN SEAT. WE HAVE, HOWEVER, CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTED PRACTICE OF FREEDOM OF REGIONAL GROUPS TO DECIDE REPRESENTATION ON BODIES OF LIMITED MEMBERSHIP.

4. WE THUS ARE FACED WITH SITUATION WHERE RECONSIDERATION OF TECH COM MEMBERSHIP NOT ONLY MAY DIRECTLY AFFECT LEVEL OF US PARTICIPATION BUT ALSO RAISES ISSUE OF ISRAELI ROLE, WHICH HAS LARGER IMPLICATIONS. CONTINUATION OF CURRENT MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION THEREFORE BECOMES MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE ALTERNATIVE, AND DELEGATION SHOULD SEEK TO STIMULATE SUPPORT FOR THAT COURSE IF ISRAELI QUESTION CANNOT BE RESOLVED OTHERWISE.

5. WE ARE STRONGLY DISINCLINED, HOWEVER, TO ACCEPT HIGHLY COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT WHEREBY ISRAEL BECOMES MEMBER OF "CONSTITUENCY"-LIKE GROUP ASSIGNED ONE OF THE SEATS ALLOCATED TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. CREATION OF SUCH A "MEDITERRANEAN" CONSTITUENCY IN ESSENCE WOULD FORCE REMOVAL OF ONE OTHER OF CURRENT DC MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE. WE ARE ALSO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONCERNED THAT MORE ELABORATE SCHEME WOULD IMPLY TECH COM BEING RULED BY UNCTAD GROUP SYSTEM.

6. DELEGATION MAY AGREE TO ARRANGEMENT WHICH SUCCEEDS IN ASSURING RPT ASSURING ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN TECH COM --INCLUDING MEDITERRANEAN GROUPING--IF (A) PROPOSAL ENJOYS WIDESPREAD SUPPORT AMONG OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, (B) THERE IS NO FORMAL IMPLICATION THAT ISRAEL IS MEMBER OF

GROUP B (E.G., ALLOCATION OF SEATS WOULD BE NOMINALLY BY COUNTRY WITH NO DESCRIPTIVE LABELS), AND (C) ADEQUATE US PARTICIPATION (SEE PARA 2) ALSO ASSURED. KISSINGER

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